



2007 World Police & Fire Games
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CFD Firefighters Play in the Games

Three CFD firefighters traveled to Australia to participate in the 2007 World Police and Fire Games that was held from March 16th –25th. Captain Steve Reeves participated in Golf while Lt. Steve Witsken and F.F. John McNab (Lucky) participated in Soccer. Firefighter Lucky was our big winner as his soccer team brought back a BRONZE medal!

Captain Steve Reeves shares about his experience going to "The Land Down Under".

"It was the most wonderful trip I have ever taken (with the exception of missing the heck out of my GRAND DAUGH-



Firefighter John McNab (Lucky) and team receive a BRONZE medal in soccer.

TER and the terribly long flight). I did not do well in the golf competition, the courses kicked my butt. Adelaide is one of the neatest places I've ever been. I HIGHLY recommend Australia as a vacation destination...save your pennies. It was really cool trying to converse with firefighters from all over the world, a lot of nodding your head and smiling, but a lot of fun none the less. The future WPFG will be held in Vancouver, BC (2009), New York (2011) (FUN, FUN), and Belfast, Ireland (2013) (the BIGGY). Enough for now, if anyone wants to lose a couple of hours of their life just call me and I'll talk your ear off about the trip. It's good to be back home. -Captain Steve Reeves

Great job guys!! You can access more information about the World Police and Fire Games at www.2007.wpfg.com.

HOOISER BURN CAMP RIDE

CARMEL FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL 4444

2007 HBC Visitor's Day Motorcycle Ride Wednesday, May 30th

Visitors' Day at HBC is on Wednesday, May 30th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Anyone is welcome to come visit. Please notify the below contacts prior to camp.

The camp motto is "A place where a kid can just be a kid". The camp takes place at Camp Tecumseh near Brookston, Indiana (northeast of Lafayette) every year during the last week of May. Kids, ages 8-18, who have suffered a burn injury, can find common ground with other burn survivors there.

There will be a parade around the campground with fire trucks and other emergency vehicles from throughout Central Indiana starting around 11:00. After the parade, lunch will be provided with donation presentations to follow. Many of the visitors get the chance to interact with the kids and play games while visiting. If you are unsure if you want to come, just ask someone who has been there before. I'm sure they'll have a heartwarming story to share of their experience.



There will also be a Motorcycle ride on Visitors' Day. Riders will meet at and leave from the Fountain area in front of the Steven A. Coutts Fire Headquarters Station # 41 in Carmel between 8:30am and 9:00am. There is a fee per bike and coffee and donuts have been provided before departure. This is a huge event and we hope to have as many bikes participate as possible.

If you are interested in participating and need the departure time and other information, please contact Battalion Chief Gary Dufek at Station 41 (317-571-2661), gdufek@carmel.in.gov or Scott Stroup at (317-818-3400), sstroup@carmel.in.gov.

If anyone has any further questions regarding camp, please contact Tony Collins at 571-2600, Executive Director Mark "Koop" Koopman at 1-800-254-2878, or check the website at www.hoosierburncamp.org.

Ladder 41 Update

Ladder 41 received significant damage when it was struck by a pick-up driver who crossed the centerline on Sept. 7, 2006.

Repairs are being conducted on Ladder 41 and once it returns it will also sport a new look with new paint and graphics.



Repairs due to the accident were completed but during testing the waterway and swivel had major leaks. It is hoped that Ladder 41 will return to service in mid April.

New City of Carmel Projects

Projects underway include:

City Center Phase 1

(SW Corner of City Center Dr. & S. Rangeline Rd.)

MISO Corp. Office Bldg.

(NW corner of City Center Dr. and W. Carmel Dr.)

Alexandria Apts.

(SE corner of 131st St. & Pennsylvania St.)

Parkwood West

(250 W. 96th St.) Bldg. and Parking garage.

Meridian Corp. Plaza 3

(501 Pennsylvania Pkwy.)

Projects upcoming include:

Indiana Design Center

(SW corner of 1st St SW & S. Rangeline Rd.)

Renaissance Hotel

(11925 N. Meridian St.)

Carmel Performing Arts Complex

(200 Blk of City Center Dr.)

-Fire Marshal, Capt. Gary Hoyt

Promotions

1st Class Firefighter

Effective January 20th, 2007

FFP Brad Allen
FFPI Chris Ellison
FFP David Horner

FFP Ian Reppert
FFP Dustin Schooler
FFP Mark Sullivan

Master Firefighter

Effective February 10, 2007

FF Tony Baskerville
FF Dave Contino
FFP Gary Fisher
FF Tony Hoover
FF Don Mead

FF Dean Paddock
FFP Tom Payne
FFP Adam Sharp
FF Greg Starr

Pension Board Election

Our new pension board member is Senior Inspector, Chris Ellison.

Nominees included:

Lt. Brad Bartrom
Eng. Mike DeLong
Insp. Chris Ellison

Lt. Jeff Fuchs
FF Greg Giles
FF Bruce Gipson

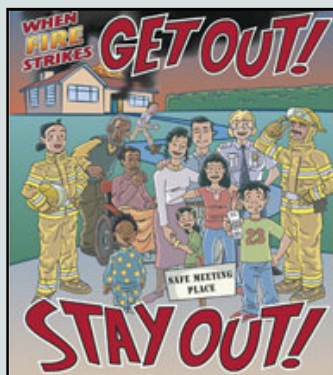
Captains Haboush and Collins declined their nominations to allow others an opportunity to serve. Two positions will be open during next years elections.

The responsibilities of Pension Board members are to:

- approve and make claims for all of the 1937 fund members
- approve all new applicants for PERF
- approve all retirements

Public Education Update

The Carmel Fire Department's Public Education Division was successful in being able to teach fire prevention classes in a number of the Carmel Clay Elementary Schools this year.



We have taught classes to the Kindergarten and 2nd grades and utilized the Safety Trailer with the 2nd grade program.

Next year we also hope to teach a water awareness program for the 4th grade. We appreciate the school system allowing us to come into the classroom with these very important safety programs.



The Public Education Division has also been successful in partnering with the Carmel Parks Department to have Risk Watch®, an injury prevention program, taught to the children in the Parks Department's after-school program.

The Parks Department plans to begin teaching the Risk Watch® Program in mid April. This program will discuss topics such as, fire, burns, poisoning, falls, bike, and pedestrian prevention; as well and water safety. We also want to thank the Park's Department for including injury prevention in their after-school programs.



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New Faces

My real name is James but almost everyone calls me JC. I was born in Lebanon, Indiana. I grew up and still reside in the Jamestown area. I graduated from Western Boone High School in 1997 and received my Bachelors degree from Purdue University in May 2001. I am married and I have a daughter who is one. I enjoy playing golf, hunting, and basketball. Before coming to work for CFD I was Vice President of North Salem State Bank in Hendricks County where I was a loan officer/branch manager in Danville. I learned of the opportunities at



Jon Alverson, Neil Reeves, JC Mitchell, Jeremy Johnson, Marc Gehlbach

I was born in Indianapolis, IN. Grew up in Carmel (Home Place) till the age of 18 then I left for the ARMY. Served in the military as a diesel mechanic for 7yrs, met my wife of 2yrs while stationed in Texas. We got married in the winter of 04, and stayed in Sherman, TX where I was on the fire department for 1yr before moving back to Carmel to join the Fire department. I like to go fishing, hunting, and playing golf when I have the chance. I'm a high school graduate from Carmel



Carmel Fire Department from two friends from high school who are on the department.

- JC Mitchell

High School. I also have my National Registry for Paramedic. My wife Melinda and I have a 4 month old daughter named Ashlei. I heard about the Carmel Fire Department's hiring process through my dad who is a captain on the department.



- Neil Reeves

I was born in Indianapolis at Methodist Hospital on Dec. 24th, 1970. I was raised in Carmel near 131st and West Rd., which was all country back then. I now live just west of Zionsville. I graduated from Carmel H.S. in 1989. I was self-employed for 6 yrs doing construction work prior to being hired at CFD. I mainly did glass block work like showers, walls, and windows. I attended IUPUI and then Ivy Tech to take classes for their Fire Science degree.

I have been married to my beautiful wife, Dawn, for 11 yrs. We have one son, Wyatt, who is 9 yrs old. My hobbies include: camping, hiking, hunting, fishing, or anything outdoors. I heard about CFD's hiring process through some current CFD employees that I had worked with doing snow removal.

So far, I really enjoy what I am doing and I am very glad I was hired. I plan to make the best of it throughout my career and just want to say thanks to everyone that helped throughout training. I appreciate all the extra effort they made to help us.

- Marc Gehlbach



I am originally from Avon, though I have been living in the Pendleton area for 13 years. I enjoy playing virtually any sport, as well as spending time outdoors with my family and friends. I often coach my children's sports teams, as well as being involved at the schools. The past two years of my employment were with the Avon Fire Department, after spending 10 years at Delco Remy America as a machine electrician. I attended the University of Evansville, as well as completing a



UAW electrician apprenticeship. My wife and I have three children, ages 13, 10, and 6. I applied to CFD due to its reputation, proximity to home, and benefits. I look forward to the challenges of recruit school and meeting all the people on shift.

- Jon Alverson

I was born and raised in Anderson, Indiana and currently live in Pendleton. I graduated from Madison Heights High School in 1994, and I graduated from Ball State University in 1998 with a BS in Marketing. I am married, but currently do not have any children. Before coming to work at the CFD, I worked for a local software company. I was an Account Manager for the company and was primarily responsible

for handling additional sales and training. I do not have any prior fire service experience. I enjoy classic cars, and playing all sports. I look forward to my future with the department.

- Jeremy Johnson



Fire Chief Callahan Retires

By the time you read this newsletter, we will all know if I'm the next Clay Township Trustee or not. It's time for me to move on to another chapter of my life. It's hard to believe that thirty-four (34) years have gone by so quickly. I know one thing for sure and that is I wouldn't have changed anything. (Okay, maybe I would change a couple of things.)

To this day, I remember my first day on shift... You have to understand, back then, your training started on the day you reported to work. Eleven (11) minutes after reporting for duty, I had my first working fire on Whispering Trails (a 2 story residence w/ attached garage). That day I was working with Lt. Steve Coutts and Firefighters Jay Leinhos and Joe Bauer. From that day on I knew this job was for me. It wasn't the money, the benefits, the retirement or getting married and having a family. That's because on my first day I was nineteen (19) years old and could care less about those types of things. I was immortal. Yes sir, "I'm going to be here forever." Retirement would never come. (At least it wouldn't in my nineteen year old eyes.) I loved this job and the people I worked with so much that retirement was not close to being on my radar screen. Oh sure, I had bad and good days, but I truly enjoyed coming to work. Where can you go and work 9-10 days a month and run across different challenge(s) everyday, some which were life changing?



Yes, there are things I will miss. I'll miss my peers and friends I've had the privilege of working with and getting to know over the years. In this job, I have seen several friends come and go, many whom I miss very much. Surprisingly, I have missed shift work... it is something I

have missed since coming off shift in the late 1980's. You can't beat the camaraderie of working on a twenty-four (24) shift. All the joking and teasing that goes on, on a daily basis, well, you can't duplicate that anywhere.

The honor and privilege of serving in an administrative capacity has its' benefits and challenges, however, it has its' drawbacks too. Once you make that decision to accept responsibility for everyone, everything changes. I will miss you all. There are many of you that I've watched from the time you were recruits (a few of you I've known since you were in diapers) until you became some of the best firefighters and officers I've ever known. There are so many of you I admire and whom I am so proud to be associated. I'll miss you young one's too, your excitement, your desire to dig in, and your toughness. You represent the real future of the department; I hope you work hard to carry forward the many important traditions of the fire service. I will miss all of the sworn and administrative staff. You have been lionhearted about hanging in there with tough schedules, tougher deadlines, and tight budgets. I will miss and remember your loyalty, your understanding and your hard work. And

lastly, I will truly miss serving a community that supported the fire department like the Carmel Clay community has during my time on the department and before.

May all of you enjoy experiencing your career as much as I have, may you all love it as much as I do, and may you share my good fortune of retiring in happiness and good health!

**-Former Fire Chief,
Doug Callahan**

